

Question on notice no. 1601

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2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates

Finance and Public Administration Committee, Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters

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Answer —

See attached.

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FPA-SBE24-001 - National Justice Reinvestment Unit - Project and grant details

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The response to the senator's question is as follows:

The 26 successful initiatives under the National Justice Reinvestment Program are outlined below.

All initiatives provide a financial acquittal by 31 July each financial year and an Activity Work Plan Report by 31 January each year, which provides a status update on the initiative. Accordingly, the Attorney-General's Department cannot provide information on acquittals and status updates at this time. However, it can provide some information on each initiative as set out below.

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1	Early investment	Alice Springs NT	Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation Consortium includes: • Desert Knowledge Australia • Anglicare NT	\$300,000 from 2022-23 to 2024-25	A consortium of three organisations, led by Lhere Artepe, were selected to develop a community-led place-based approach for justice reinvestment in Alice Springs, Town Camps and surrounds. Activities will include an education campaign and information sharing on justice reinvestment, and the establishment of the Alice Springs Justice Reinvestment Advisory Group governance mechanism to enable community-led decision making and a long-term justice reinvestment approach.
2	Early investment and Olabud Doogethu (Olabud Together)	Halls Creek WA	Shire of Halls Creek	\$100,000 from 2022-23 to 2023-24; and \$1,439,463 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	The Shire of Halls Creek, together with communities in Balgo (Wirrimanu), Billiluna (Mindibungu), Mulan, Ringer Soak (Kundat Djaru), Warmun (Turkey Creek), Red Hill, Mardiwah Loop, Yardgee and Nicholson Block, supported by Social Reinvestment WA, will continue to lead the Olabud Doogethu initiative. This was one of the initiatives that received early justice reinvestment funding in 2023 to develop an existing men's shed into a Men's Tribal Area. Funding has been provided for upgrades at the facility to better support Aboriginal men from Halls Creek and surrounding areas with health issues, alcohol management conversations, family relationships and more. Additional funding awarded in Round 1, Assessment Cycle 2 will enable the organisations to establish Community Justice Groups that will act as a hub for decision making, community engagement and diversionary innovations.

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					The initiative will also establish a transition to employment program, where young people, and members of a family structure, will be provided with an employment opportunity, to ensure ongoing economic stability in the household.
3	The Cowra JR Project	Cowra NSW	Cowra Information and Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	\$1,027,800 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	The project will work to strengthen culture, reduce contact with the justice system, and build a data bank for the local community to build on and use for years to come. To achieve this, the initiative will provide early intervention linking people with services available within the Centre, as well as build collaboration with other services to ensure culturally appropriate engagement and program relevance to Aboriginal people, families, and children at the early intervention stage. The initiative will also build leadership skills within the Aboriginal staff employed as part of the project, transferring knowledge and skills to the wider community.
4	Youth Justice Model	Maningrida NT	Nja-marleya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group Ltd	\$2,272,692 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative will support Nja-marleya to establish itself as a self-governed and community-controlled organisation that will oversee the implementation of the Youth Cultural Justice Model. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led and designed model will draw on the community expertise of lore to work alongside Australian law to holistically deliver programs that reduce the community's interaction with the criminal justice system and its intergenerational impact.
5	Groote Eylandt Community Justice Group Program	Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) NT	Anindilyakwa Royalties Aboriginal Corporation	\$3,969,596 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	The Community Justice Group Project is a holistic community led justice model that will include an integrated service delivery method. This method includes prevention and early intervention activities, case management support within the court system, and post sentencing support, with a strong focus on addressing the social determinants that contribute to contact with the justice system. This funding will support the expansion of current services and the development of new initiatives like the Bush Courts pilot program.
6	Ngurratjuta Region Justice	Haasts Bluff and Outstations;	Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,376,895 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	The Service will take a coordination and referral approach to justice reinvestment in the Ngurratjuta region, focusing primarily on young people of Papunya, Mount Liebig and Haasts Bluff. It will connect young people at risk

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	Reinvestment Service	Mount Leibig and Outstations; Papunya, NT			of offending or re-offending with circuit-breaker activities, referrals and support, and bring the communities together to facilitate the first stages of a broader Justice Reinvestment strategy for each of the communities.
7	Leading With Our Hearts	Cherbourg QLD	Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Corporation	\$1,426,500 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative will involve service coordination, reframing community relationships with government agencies, circuit-breaker programs and the development and community design of a long-term justice reinvestment plan which includes disability assessments, Dad Family Program, Maryborough jail reintegration and Junior Rangers.
8	Yarrabah Peacemaking Project	Yarrabah QLD	Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation	\$811,750 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative aims to prevent, reduce and/or divert contact with the justice system through developing a community-led restorative justice model that will deliver a suite of services that will work with police, courts, corrections and local community services and stakeholders to bring a healing focus into the local justice system in Yarrabah.
9	Justice Galbidera Way	Townsville QLD	Townsville Community Justice Group Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation	\$1,558,276.36 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative will involve the establishment of a local justice reinvestment action team to resource and drive Justice Reinvestment action, to reduce incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Townsville. It will deliver a Local Justice Action Plan which builds on the strengths, knowledge and expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities to address priority areas of concern.
10	Turning the tide for Derby Youth	Derby WA	Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,563,427 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative seeks to complement their already operational youth programs including the Derby Youth Night Patrol, Family Intensive Support Program, The Hoops After Dark Basketball Engagement Program and supports a youth hostel where they will launch the “Turning the Tide Youth Program” justice reinvestment activity.
11	Ebenezer Re-investment	Balga (Perth) WA	Ebenezer Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,748,723 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	This initiative will assist identified young people to remain at school, support at-risk students to navigate critical school gateways, obtain alternative education for disconnected students, assist families and provide career development. It will also support adults engaged with the criminal justice system to overcome barriers and cycles of offending through a social and

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					emotional wellbeing program. This includes mentoring and engaging prisoners to assist effective re-integration while supporting culturally safe through-care and connections to community supports.
12	Old Ways New Ways Program	Perth WA	Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Consortium includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Community • Stephen Michael Foundation Ltd • Hope Community Services Ltd 	\$6,478,874 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	<p>Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Limited's will deliver the Old Ways New Ways Program, as an Aboriginal-led justice reinvestment initiative designed to break the cycle of youth offending in the Perth metropolitan and Southwest regions of Australia. This will be delivered in a consortium with Wadjak Northside, Badgebup Aboriginal Corporations, HOPE Community Services, and the Stephen Michael Foundation.</p> <p>The Initiative has been designed as a flexible intervention program for at-risk youth and those already engaged in the justice system. In the program, youth will be supported by a case-manager, and will attend mentorship programs including an education and activity course, on-country healing, and caring for country camps. Youth will also be provided throughcare support so that they are placed on a path to better futures.</p>
13	Hope Vale Local Justice Strategy	Hope Vale QLD	Cape York Institute	\$606,900 in 2024-25	<p>Cape York Institute is delivering a 12-month, early-stage justice reinvestment strategy that will see the design of a Hope Vale Local Justice Strategy. The Strategy will inform the next 5 to 10 years of prevention and diversion to community contact with the justice system in Hope Vale. A project governance group will be established under the direction of the Alliance of Guugu Yimithirr People.</p> <p>The initiative will initially focus on a comprehensive needs assessment using community-driven data. The latter half of the initiative will be dedicated to co-designing a place-based local justice strategy, championing community voices and collaborative partnerships with governments and services.</p>
14	The Carnarvon JR Strategy	Carnarvon WA	Gascoyne Development Commission	Grant Agreement not yet signed	The Carnarvon Justice Reinvestment Strategy will initially be led by the Gascoyne Development Commission, a non-Indigenous organisation, until a

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					<p>suitable ACCO has been identified to transition the justice reinvestment initiative to.</p> <p>The strategy will be developed over a three-year period and across a three-staged approach, and aims to reduce incarceration rates and break the cycle of offending.</p> <p>The organisation will undertake wide consultation to ensure community voices, including all language groups and youth, are incorporated in the strategy. It is anticipated that by 2025, the agreed ACCO will begin the implementation of the Carnarvon Justice Reinvestment Strategy.</p>
15	Doomadgee JR Project	Doomadgee QLD	Gunawuna Jungai Limited	\$1,232,995 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	<p>Gunawuna Jungai Limited's initiative will establish the Doomadgee justice reinvestment project, which is aimed at reducing contact with the justice system through a short, medium and long-term approach. The justice reinvestment funding will initially develop a community-led structure and decision-making framework, guided by input from community. The organisation will then conduct an analysis of data and current service models in the community to develop and implement actionable strategies for effective service investment and delivery, ensuring it is culturally relevant and meets local needs.</p> <p>This work will contribute to a long-term achievement of economic development in Doomadgee. A comprehensive business plan will be developed, which will lead to sustainable job creation and reduced criminality.</p>
16	Thaldii Karrwa (Stand up Strong) Project	Carpentaria – Burke – Mornington Is. QLD	Jika Kangka Gununamanda Limited	\$2,068,205 from 2024-25 to 2025-26	<p>Jika Kangka Gununamanda represent Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations from each tribal group on Mornington Island, and is leading the justice reinvestment initiative on Lardil Country.</p> <p>This initiative is building off 8 years of the tribal groups' work in building justice-focussed community-led foundations that address intergenerational trauma. Jika Kangka Gununamanda has led deep engagement with community members that has informed their justice reinvestment initiative.</p>

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					<p>The initiative will work towards strengthening the organisation's operational and governance capacity and will work to upskill community and local ACCOs in governance, financial literacy and data so they can make informed decisions about improving service-delivery. The organisation will build on this to develop a Mornington Island Justice Reinvestment Strategy that will inform and guide the sustainable implementation of a holistic, whole-of-community response to addressing the underlying drivers of contact with the justice system.</p> <p>While the strategy is being developed, justice circuit breakers will be run, focusing on re-engaging men and youth in culturally-informed social and emotional well-being activities.</p>
17	Closing the Invisible Gaps, A Stolen Generations Survivor – Led Communities Justice Reinvestment Initiative	Sydney NSW	<p>Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation Consortium includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation • Children of Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home 	\$1,763,772.25 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	<p>Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, in a consortium with Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home Aboriginal Corporation (CBACH) and Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation (CGAC), will establish Closing the Invisible Gaps: A Stolen Generations Survivor-Led Communities' Justice Reinvestment Initiative. This is an early-stage justice reinvestment project aimed at reducing Stolen Generations survivors, descendants and family members' contact with the out-of-home-care and criminal justice systems.</p> <p>The consortium has been jointly representing Stolen Generations survivor communities on the NSW Government's Stolen Generations Advisory Committee for the past 7 years.</p> <p>Justice reinvestment funding will enable the consortium to establish a project governance steering group, and recruit project staff with knowledge of justice reinvestment to assist with developing their plan. Consortium and project staff will work with an external company to develop a data asset and platform that will support the longevity of this initiative. The consortium will contract a consultant to prepare a business plan that will be presented to potential investors; further supporting the longevity of this initiative.</p>

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18	Justice Reinvestment on Quandamooka Country	North Stradbroke Island QLD	Minjerribah Moorgumpin (elders-In-Council)	\$1,906,166 from 2024-25 to 2025-26	<p>Minjerribah Moorgumpin (Elders-In-Council) Aboriginal Corporation will develop its Justice Reinvestment on Quandamooka Country project that will ultimately work to enhance social and emotional wellbeing services and supports for the community.</p> <p>Justice reinvestment funding will be utilised to employ a justice reinvestment team to conduct culturally-modelled community engagement, asset mapping and community evaluation activities, and will inform a local justice reinvestment strategy. The strategy will guide development of community-controlled early interventions that strengthen community wellness and build the foundation for long-term change.</p>
19	Ngarrindjeri Nation Community-led Justice Reinvestment Program	Meningie, Mid Murray, Murray Bridge, Murray Mallee, Raukkan SA	Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority	\$1,633,657 from 2023-24 to 2025-26	<p>Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority is the governing body of the Ngarrindjeri Nation, and brings together existing community-led processes to develop and implement a whole of system approach to justice reinvestment, which will also see the establishment of a working group.</p> <p>Expected outcomes of the initiative include a multi-level model to support long-term partnerships between the Ngarrindjeri Nation organisations, government and local service providers to come together and develop locally led solutions to reduce contact with the justice system</p> <p>Funding will enable the development of a Ngarrindjeri-controlled data framework to support evidence-based decision making to improve justice and health outcomes. Early intervention, prevention and diversionary measures, including education and employment initiatives, will be implemented to address drivers of contact with the justice system.</p>
20	Katherine Justice Reinvestment Project	Katherine NT	Savanna Solutions Business Services Pty Ltd Consortium includes:	\$2,457,488 from 2024-25 to 2025-26	<p>The Katherine Justice Reinvestment Project will be delivered by a consortium consisting of Savanna Solutions, Jesuit Social Services and Flinders University. The consortium will leverage its existing functions to support the establishment of an independent, community-based Governance Group to develop a community led, place-based justice reinvestment plan for Katherine.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesuit Social Services Flinders University 		<p>The project aims to reduce Aboriginal people's contact with the justice system, while promoting broader social and economic well-being. This initiative will focus on early intervention and prevention for children and young people through mentoring, education, sector collaboration and youth engagement activities.</p> <p>The Katherine community has been engaging with justice reinvestment since 2015 and this initiative is informed by community leaders and data collected over many years.</p>
21	Lajamanu JR Strategy - Ngurra Kurlu Foundation Project	Lajamanu, NT	Kurdiji Aboriginal Corporation	Grant Agreement not yet signed	<p>The Lajamanu community have been engaged in the design of their JR plan. Four foundations were identified resulting in 17 individual projects. From this scope of work, four projects were prioritised by community Kurdiji Aboriginal Board, Community Engagement Manager, Warra Warra Kanyi including youth and eldership programs.</p> <p>These strategic projects will empower Warlpiri to improve JR outcomes. Specifically deliver governance and compliance standards to centralise the voice of community through Kurdiji Aboriginal Corporation. A focus of bi-cultural activities enabling 'Yarrumundja' in both community and on-country to reduce the number of Warlpiri youth connected to the Justice System.</p> <p>With limited local data available, the aim is to collaborate with local services, consistently survey Warlpiri residents, Elders, Traditional Owners, Emerging Leaders on project outcomes to build a repository of data for more informed decisions, directions and to have the whole community's authentic voice</p>
22	Port Augusta Our Story of Place Justice Reinvestment Project	Port Augusta, SA	Healthy Dreaming Pty Ltd	Grant Agreement not yet signed	<p>The JR project will re-establish ways of coming together and connecting with each other to improve justice outcomes for Aboriginal people in Port Augusta, working together to unite the community around a shared story of place.</p> <p>The project will co-design and establish a unified Cultural Governance Group to identify JR, lead the co-design of a JR Strategy for Port Augusta and create a shared sense of ownership to address justice outcomes.</p>

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					A Backbone team will be established to undertake the work of Systems Reform in Port Augusta and coordinate JR activities, including a positive youthfocused health strategy to encourage healthier lifestyle choices and empower young people to take charge of their health and wellbeing.
23	Western Melbourne Aboriginal-led Justice Reinvestment Project (Western Melbourne JR)	Melton, VIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation FVPLS/Djirra	Grant Agreement not yet signed	<p>This initiative involves a community-led process to develop a common vision and self-determined agenda to address the rates of incarceration and drivers of contact with the justice system in Western Melbourne.</p> <p>This initiative will bring together Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations and community members in the West to develop local and systemic priorities to determine the best way to improve justice outcomes, through a whole of systems approach.</p> <p>The initiative will develop a Justice Reinvestment Strategy and a Regional Governance Model.</p>
24	Mossman Elders Justice Group Hub	Cape York, QLD	Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation	Grant Agreement not yet signed	<p>This initiative involves purchase a 12 seater 4WD bus to accommodate the growing number of program participants attending on-country support group sessions and other cultural on-county meetings. It will enable employing a part-time grief/trauma and mental health counsellor to run support group sessions that would go on-country for yarning and healing, providing a culturally safe environment to encourage communication.</p> <p>It will also involve conducting a weekly music interaction program for Indigenous participants using music as a therapeutic means for relaxation and education, learning traditional music and songs and learning the origins of the songs and music to reconnect.</p> <p>An Indigenous Administration Officer will be employed to assist with project data collation and providing community assistance with administrative tasks such as explaining relevant forms to Indigenous people, assisting them to complete application forms and providing referral assistance to those who are in urgent need for assistance and do not know where to go or how to apply.</p>

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25	Napranum Community Justice Reinvestment Initiative - A community led approach to proactively manage and improve justice outcomes in Napranum.	Queensland - Outback, QLD	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Grant Agreement not yet signed	This initiative will develop, deliver & evaluate a justice reinvestment initiative. The planned activities include initiatives related to on-country diversion/training/prevention for alcohol and drug reduction as well as social and emotional wellbeing initiatives and diversionary options for offenders. Strengthening of community partnerships & referral networks, development of Local Indigenous Data Systems, and establishment of a regional JR.
26	Martu Justice Reinvestment Tribal Council	East Pilbara, Newman, Port Hedland, WA	Aboriginal Male's Healing Centre Strong Spirit Strong Families Strong Culture Incorporated	Grant Agreement not yet signed	<p>After extensive consultation, Martu community representatives approved an interim Martu Justice Reinvestment Tribal Council (MJRTC) for the Pilbara, WA.</p> <p>The MJRTC will develop and authorise a Pilbara-wide Martu Justice Reinvestment (JR) Strategy, consult with the Martu people, and lead grassroots engagement on Martu priorities for JR in the Pilbara. The MJRTC will be incorporated with ORIC and will act as the Martu people's place-based Backbone Team for JR. With the MJRTCs assistance, eight elected Community Justice Circles (CJsCs) will be established to co- design local-level JR strategies. This project will co-design community-led systemic approaches to justice challenges identified in the Pilbara, including overincarceration, recidivism, family violence and youth justice challenges experienced by Martu. The MJRTC is being auspiced initially through the Aboriginal Males Healing Centre, an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, on behalf of the Martu people of the Pilbara.</p>